

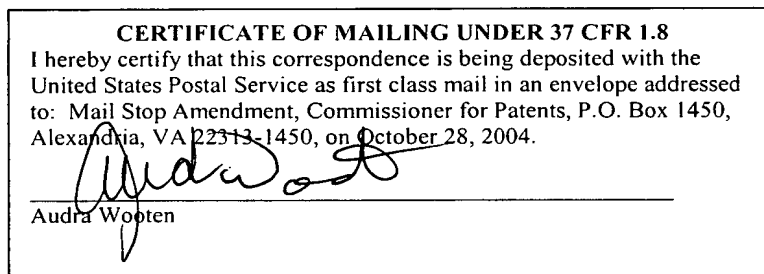
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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Jay Aiken
Serial No.: 09/824,639
Filed: April 3, 2001
For: AUTOMATIC AFFINITY WITHIN NETWORKS PERFORMING WORKLOAD
BALANCING

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Examiner: Aaron Perez Daple
Group Art Unit: 2154



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Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant provides the present Amendment to address the issues raised in the Office Action mailed August 16, 2004.

It is not believed that an extension of time and/or additional fee(s)-including fees for net addition of claims-are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. In the event, however, that an extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 09-0461.